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SUBJ: AGENDA ITEM IV, NAC, 14 NOV-BURDENSHARING

REFS: A. USNATO 5395 B. STATE 222699 C. USNATO 5445

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SYG PO/73/147 TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE
NAC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14. MISSION PROPOSES TO SEEK REPORT
FROM BUDGET COMMITTEES WITHIN A WEEK AND IN ANY CASE ANOTHER
MEETING OF NAC ON BURDENSHARING TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF US
SHARES NEXT WEEK.

BEGIN TEXT:

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING
OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE

AT ITS MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER, THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED
THE REPORT BY THE STUDY GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING
FROM THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE
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(C-M(73)93). THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS DISCUSSION WERE:

(1) THE POSITIVE RESPONSE SHOWN BY MANY NATIONS TOWARDS
MANY OF THE MEASURES SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT FOR

MITIGATING THE BUDGETARY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNITED STATES AS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

(B) THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME OF THESE OPTIONS MIGHT BE MORE SUITABLE FOR BILATERAL ACTION THAN MULTILATERAL; AND THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME MIGHT BE ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

(C) THE DECISION TO REFER TWO OF THE OPTIONS (V AND VIII) FOR EXAMINATION BY THE SPECIALIST COMMITTEES ALREADY OPERATING IN THESE FIELDS, I.E. THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE.

(D) THE ASSURANCE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE RENEWAL OF THE OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS.

(E) THE VIEW ENDORSED BY A NUMBER OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE EUROGROUP SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, BUT ALSO IN CO-ORDINATING AND STIMULATING THE RUOPEAN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES REQUEST AS A WHOLE.

2. I BELIEVE THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO RESUME ITS DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AT AN EARLY DATE. SPECIFICALLY I SUGGEST THAT WE NEED TO:

(A) APPROVE THE ATTACHED DRAFT DIRECTIVE TO THE SPECIALIST COMMITTEES REFERRED TO ABOVE, ASKING THEM TO REPORT ON OPTIONS V AND VIII;

(B) DISCUSS THE OTHER OPTIONS WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING CONFIDENTIAL

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WHETHER ANY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THIS STAGE, AND WHETHER ANY SPECIAL MACHINERY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR PURSUING THE REST. IN THE CASE OF THOSE OPTIONS WHICH MAY SEEM MORE SUITABLE FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATION WE SHOULD ALSO DECIDE HOW THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR OUTCOMES CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE GENERAL AMBIT OF AN ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES REQUEST;

(C) ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE COUNCIL ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD;

(D) CONSIDER THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE REPORT WHICH

SHOULD BE MADE TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER, AND WHAT
MIGHT BE SAID ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COMMUNIQUES.

3. I PROPOSE TO PLACE THIS DOCUMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR
THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 14TH NOVEMBER.

DRAFT DIRECTIVE

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY
THE UNITED STATES OF THEIR WISH THAT THEIR ALLIES SHOULD SEEK
MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIEVING THE BUDGETARY AND
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BURDENS BORNE BY THE UNITED STATES IN
CONSEQUENCE OF THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES IN KEUROPE,
INVITED THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO SUDY THE SUBJECT AND
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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2. THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES, HAVING RECEIVED A
REPORT(1) ON THE SUBJECT FROM A SPECIAL STUDY GROUP ESTABLISHED
FOR THE PURPOSE, HAVE RESOLVED TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF
IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF MEASURES DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR
MITIGATING THESE BURDENS, ON A MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL BASIS.
THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THIS EXAMINATION WILL
BE CONDUCTED ON A WHOLLY POSITIVE BASIS.

3. THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOTED THAT IN THE
CASE OF TWO OF THE MEASURES SUGGESTED (OPTIONS V AND VIII),
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SPECIALIST COMMITTEES EXIST WHICH POSSES THE NECESSARY
EXPERTISE TO ADVISE THEM IN THE RELEVANT FIELDS. THEY THEREFORE
DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, THE CIVIL
BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND THE
CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE TO DOCUMENT C-M(73)93
AND DIRECT:

(1) C-M(73)93

(A) THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REPORT
TO THEM ON THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES COVERED BY
OPTION V (PARAGRAPHS 53, 54 AND 56 OF C-M(73)93);

(B) THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY BUDGET
COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE POLICY
COMMITTEE (AS APPROPRAIT) TO EXAMINE AND REPORT
TO THEM ON THE SUGGESTIONS FOR VARYING THE COST
SHARING FORMULAE NOW CURRENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
FIELDS OF ACTIVITY, AS SUGGESTED UNDER OPTION VIII
(PARAGRAPH 62 OF C-M(73)93);

(C) THESE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT THEIR EXAMINATION WITH THE OBJECT OF SEEKING MEANS TO ALLEVIATE THE BUDGETARY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS INCURRED BY THE UNITED STATES IN STATIONING THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSITIVE APPROACH ALREADY ADOPTED IN THE COUNCIL;

(D) THESE COMMITTEES TO REPORT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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